

Mull Community Council Meeting

8th November 2016, 7pm, An Roth, Craignure.

Present: Billy McClymont, Fiona Brown, Juliet Vines, David Pollard, Jim Corbett, Susan Campbell, Cameron Anson, Joanne MacDougall, Steve Willis and Willie Hume.

In Attendance: PC Sharon Carr, Cllr Alastair MacDougall and Jenny Reddaway.

Apologies: Allan Cameron, Rory Forrester, Ronnie Campbell and Cllr Mary-Jean Devon.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Proposed: SW

Seconded: SC

MATTERS ARISING

- WH questioned whether the presence of a traffic warden in Tobermory on the run up to Mull Rally was giving the right impression and might put people off, advising that an acquaintance had to sign on at the Masonic Hall and came out five minutes later to find he had a ticket. WH suggested that many who came to sign on found that they were unable to park down Eas Brae as in previous years and were caught out by the lack of parking.
- PC SC reported that the presence of a traffic warden on the Thursday and Friday had been very helpful, particularly as there were several instances of unauthorised vehicles occupying disabled parking bays with several complaints from genuine users. It was generally agreed that traffic wardens were needed to handle such infringements. WH said he couldn't agree more that anyone parking in a disabled bay without a Blue Badge should definitely be given a ticket, however surely the Traffic Warden should use a little bit common sense and not ticket everyone considering what is happening that weekend.
- DP asked for clarification with regard to the 1% of the Council's budget for community funds. It had been confirmed that 1% of all Councils' budgets would be put into these funds and individual groups from all over the country would have to bid for part of the pot.
- AM expressed concern about the accuracy of an item in the short report for October. BM explained that the Minutes for the previous meeting were not adopted until the subsequent meeting; however the short report had to be produced to meet the deadline for R&A. In the case of both September and October there were only 6 and 8 days respectively to prepare the short report and in both months the minute-taker had engagements immediately after the Community Council meetings. JR reported that BM and SW, plus Janna, who had given JR an extension, were aware of the difficulties. JR advised that a similar situation would arise in December where the R&A deadline was 17th December (the Community Council meeting is on 13th December). JR suggested that the short report for December cover attendances; apologies; Minutes and corrections; Matters Arising of urgent importance; the Police report plus bullet points on other agenda topics and urgent notifications. This was felt to be

reasonable and JR to contact Janna. There was considerable further discussion on how to achieve the maximum benefit for residents and SW was to check the rules.

POLICE REPORT 11/10/2016 – 08/11/2016 PC Sharon Carr

<p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p>	<p>For period 11/10/2016 – 08/11/2016 Total number of incidents recorded = 48</p> <p>Crimes / Incidents of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- 27 Incidents recorded.- Section 38 (Disturbance type offence). One male charged.- X2 Thefts of money and bank card from handbags reported. Positive line of enquiry for male out with area.- One male caught drink driving and charged. Court have issued one year driving ban and £500 fine.• <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4 incidents recorded. None of any note.• <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- 11 incidents recorded. None of any note.• <u>LB34 – Bunessan area:</u>
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	- 6 incidents recorded. None of any note.
Updates on any actions from previous meetings	
Incidents of note or crime trends	Divisional priorities remain as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Protection - Serious Crime & Terrorism - Violence, Disorder & Antisocial behaviour - Road Policing
Forthcoming events	None

- PS SC advised that JT had prepared the report.
- PC SC advised that the Police had received an email regarding speeding near Dervaig Primary school. Sgt. Toal had responded to the sender requesting that incidents be phoned in and it people could give details of specific times and any registration numbers it would assist the Police; PC SC advised that the Police do try to get out but if incidents are happening at regular times it assists them greatly.
- FB raised the issue of the trailer parked in a passing place having lost a wheel, asking if it could be moved. A contact was given and PC SC would contact the individual.

PARKING CHARGES. (CA)

- CA advised that Sandy Brunton had approached him to request information regarding the proposed parking charges at Fionnphort. Preparation for the consultation in terms of administration and public adverts: £290 + VAT. Legal expenses were not costed as they were done in-house. Re-programming of the machines would cost £2500. No costs given for replacement of signs. Asked about the amount the Council expected to raise from the charges, Mr Brunton was advised that the information had not yet been produced, nor was it known how many years the scheme would operate to recover the charges. Amenity wardens would come over as at present to collect the monies. The Council confirmed that Mull Community Council had been consulted but made no reference to consulting with Iona Community Council, although Iona residents and staying visitors would be adversely affected.
- CA was at a loss to comprehend how A&BC could go ahead with year round parking charges when they appear to have no information; it was also noted that they were still not thinking

of applying charges to coaches. **BM** also noted that lack of timescale other than the deadline for the public consultation ending on 28th November was given. **CA** stated that people realise that they have to pay for things and are willing to do so if they see a benefit but there would appear to be no business case here.

- **CA** advised that Mr Brunton would be responding and asked the Community Council to support him. **CA** to send email and **SW** to deal.
- **AM** reported that he was totally confused as he had been assured by Jim Smith that the top car park in Fionnphort would not be charged.

RADIOGRAPHY COVER AT WEEKENDS (FB/JR)

- **FB** advised that JR had forwarded a letter from John Clayton, one of the Red Cross Event First Aiders on the island, regarding the lack of availability of radiographers on island and citing various instances where casualties had to be air-lifted off island. JR had also raised this issue earlier in October. **FB** and **BM** had brought the matter up at a meeting the previous Saturday and a response (attached at Annex 1) had been received.
- **BM** pointed out that the island had previously been blessed with three radiographers and we were never going to get that fortunate situation back. The current radiographer is on duty four mornings a week. **BM** advised that it had been hoped to use nurse practitioners to x-ray limbs but this had been stopped.
- **FB** thought it ought to be possible to have someone on duty for events where injuries are most likely to occur such as home rugby matches; the Cyclo sportive; Cyclocross at Glengorm, etc.
- **BM** and **FB** advised that they would keep monitoring the situation at the locality group.

ISLAND COMMUNITIES MEETING FEEDBACK (DP)

- **DP** had been unable to attend the meeting on Seil, but he had provided a list of the topics to be covered (attached at Annex 2) and he asked how the meeting had gone.
- **CA** advised that he and MF had attended and had been disappointed with the event running behind schedule thus losing one of the key elements of the day – the workshops. Many attendees left disillusioned but he considered that it was good to meet up with other communities.
- **BM** asked what would be happening next and what the Council wanted to gain from it? **CA** said that this was unclear though there was a form to complete on the day.
- **DP** had spoken to the individual planning the meeting and had been advised that the feedback would be collated and put on the Argyll and Islands Task Force website.
- **DP** suggested that **SW** write to express disappointment and ask what is intended to do with the information.
- **CA** also advised he'd attended the Councillors' Surgery in Oban and found this to be quite useful.

QUESTIONNAIRE UPDATE (SW)

- **SW** advised that he had done some preparation on questions and that **JV** had sent feedback from Arran. **SW** suggested that the questionnaire focus the questions by giving a choice of responses and allowing a comments box. He would prepare a draft for circulation.
- **CA** advised that the Scottish Government's Freight and RET consultation was ongoing and nothing would happen until next year.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- **AM** reported that there could be no decision between Calmac, CMAL and AB&C regarding the proposals for work to improve safety at Fionnphort and Iona until plans were drawn up. It was proposed that two breakwaters would be put in place at Fionnphort and a sea break south of Iona pier to break up the swells. **JV** suggested a community buy-out by Fionnphort and Iona. **CA** advised that the local residents would like to see the Council run the piers, failing that CMAL to take over with the third option being the buy-out; **CA** didn't know but suspected there were concerns about liability and repairs with the latter option.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **BM** advised that three options had been given to the Ferry Committee for winter 2017/18 timetable for Craignure. One of these was the status quo, the second involved the ferry berthing overnight at Craignure and allowed for a commutable service whilst the third involved the boat being based at Oban but more sailings than the second option. **FB** was concerned about the loss of the 2pm ferry but it was felt that overall having the Craignure option would be the most beneficial. **SW** asked to convey this to the Ferry Committee and also to thank both the Ferry Committee and the RET sub-committee for all the very hard work they had put in.
- **FB** advised that most of the floats on the Loch Scridain mussel farm had gone and the situation with no markers was dangerous. **CA** advised that **SW**MID were looking at options when the Celtic Sea lease ended at the end of December. **SW** to write expressing concerns over the safety of fishing vessels.
- **SW** advised that a lady from Scottish Salmon would be giving a talk at the December meeting.
- **SW** advised that he had heard from Lesley McInnes of West Highland Housing; it would appear that the demand for the Lochdon housing scheme needs to be ascertained again.
- **JC** advised that Salen surgery were not sending prescriptions to Craignure.
- **JC** advised that JS had paid the £120 bill for the spar in the tent to be repaired. **SW** asked if **JC** had been asked by Duart about the marquee for the MacLean Gathering and another date (in May) and if he was aware that the WI celebrations would need the marquee including the floor at Duart. **SW** to give details of latter to **JC**
- Some confusion was expressed about the email from Calmac regarding the Oban Car Club offering vehicle hire at a discounted rate. **BM** explained that members are charged an annual fee and can get vehicles at a discounted rate through Calmac..
- **FB** reported that the verge cutter had not gone past Bunessan and had been advised that time and money had run out.
- **BM** suggested that some of the increased pier dues should at least go into repairing the clock at the end of Craignure pier.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13th December 2016.

The meeting closed at 2042 hours.

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Dear Billy

Many thanks for passing the letter to me from John Clayton who is a resident of Mull and member of the Island First Aid team. The issue that is raised concerns the provision of radiography on Mull, particularly when there are island events such as the recent rugby match where injuries were sustained.

We fully acknowledge that care closer to home where appropriate is the best option and, as we have discussed at the Locality Planning Group, clinical decision making at the time of any injury or illness is paramount. Importantly, treatment for those recently injured was delivered in the most appropriate facility with good outcomes. I have reviewed these three cases and further hospital based more specialised diagnostics were necessary, which we could not have delivered on the island.

There is always a balance to be had in terms of demand for radiography services and service provision to ensure that any staff based on the island have sufficient workload to maintain and enhance their skills as well as ensure the cost of the service is warranted. To date over the last 6 months our activity analysis has highlighted that 18 patients required an x-ray over a weekend which is a small number, some of whom may have also required additional specialist diagnostics.

To provide a 24/7 service as is suggested would require 3 full time radiographers for a safe service which is cost prohibitive when compared against using the facilities at Oban and transporting people by helicopter, ambulance and/or boat. To give an indication, in the absence of having substantive radiographers available, the cost of locum cover for each weekend would be in excess of £100k per annum. We continue to monitor our activity but at the present time there is not the demand for this level of investment.



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Chief Executive: Elaine Mead
Chair: David Alston

I know you are aware radiographers are also professionally a scarce resource and difficult to recruit to the area. We are currently exploring ways in which we can develop other practitioners to support the service and will keep you informed via the locality planning group.

I hope this answers the queries raised and please do not hesitate to get in touch with me should you wish to discuss further. We will of course keep you updated with future developments

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annie Macleod', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Annie Macleod
Locality Manager

ANNEX 2

Island Connections Meeting

20th October 2016, Seil Island

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/island-connections>

Island connections aims to bring our island communities together, to identify shared issues and to share best practice. Approximately 70 people from the public and community sector attended the event.

Welcome

Scottish Government Islands Bill Update

Health care for island communities

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Partnership

Scottish Ambulance Service

Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust

Supporting economic growth on islands

Argyll and Bute Council

Bute Island Alliance

Transport and Island Infrastructure

Scottish Government Ferries Unit

Ross of Mull and Iona Community Transport Scheme

Sustainable island homes

Argyll and Bute Council

Mull and Iona Community Trust

Iona Renewables Group

Digital islands

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Scottish Futures Trust

Tiree Community Development Trust